

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a plurality of opened documents being displayed on a electronic desktop of an electronic device, an opened document being an application invoked created area on the electronic desktop of the electronic device, an area covered by the opened document being equal to substantially a total area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device or a partial user-operational area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device, the opened document displaying the contents of an electronic file, in a user-operational manner, as a result of the execution by the electronic device, of the application, a minimized opened document being an application invoked created area on the electronic desktop of the electronic device, an area covered by the minimized opened document being equal to a partial nonuser-operational area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device, the partial nonuser-operational area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device being smaller than the partial user-operational area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device~~clustering icons into a virtual pile~~, comprising:

(a) minimizing a first opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to create a first minimized opened document and creating a first icon on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to represent the first minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device;

(b) minimizing a second opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to create a second minimized opened document and creating a second icon on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to represent the second minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device~~a) identifying a first icon to represent the said virtual pile;~~

(c)b) forming a virtual pile by selecting another the second icon representing the second minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device and placing the second icon to be placed onto the first icon said virtual pile representing the first minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device~~c) indicating that said selected icon is to be added to said virtual pile;~~

(d) modifying ~~said~~ an appearance of the first icon ~~at least once~~ to represent indicate a virtual pile of minimized opened documents created by the first and second icons thereunder; and

(e) modifying an appearance of the second icon when the second icon is placed onto the first icon ~~repeating (b-d) until done~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the modifying of the appearance of the second icon renders the second icon, at least in part, invisible subsequent icons disappearing at least in part from view upon placement on said pile.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, further comprising:

(f) further modifying the appearance of the first icon upon subsequent placing of icons representing minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device ~~subsequent icons changing in appearance to represent being part of said virtual pile upon placement on said~~ onto the virtual pile.

Claim 4 (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1[4], ~~wherein said further indication that another icon was successfully added thereto,~~ further comprising:

(f) generating a ~~playing at least one~~ sound when an icon representing a minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device is added to the virtual pile.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1[4], ~~wherein said further indication that another icon was successfully added thereto,~~ further comprising:

(f) displaying a ~~at least one~~ graphic when an icon representing a minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device is added to the virtual pile.

Claims 7-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the modification of said ~~the appearance of the~~ first icon ~~further comprising providing displays~~ a number representative of ~~a the total~~ minimized opened documents elements in the virtual pile ~~piled thereunder.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the modification of ~~said~~ ~~the appearance of the~~ first icon ~~further comprising tagging said~~ includes the first icon having a with miniature rendition renditions of a minimized opened document at least ~~one of the elements in the virtual pile piled thereunder.~~

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the modification of ~~said~~ ~~the appearance of the~~ first icon ~~further comprising~~ includes providing information about ~~as to the type of~~ minimized opened documents elements in the virtual pile ~~piled thereunder.~~

Claims 14-18 (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the modification of the appearance of the first icon includes ~~18, further~~ displaying a balloon box boxes providing additional information ~~as to the elements~~ about a minimized opened document in the virtual pile.

Claims 20-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 21, ~~on said mouse-over event,~~ further comprising:

(f) providing information regarding the virtual pile, when a mouse-over event is initiated.

23. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 21, ~~on said mouse-over event,~~ further comprising:

(f) providing information regarding at least one element a minimized opened document in the virtual pile, when a mouse-over event is initiated.

24. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 21, ~~on said mouse-over event,~~ further comprising:

(f) opening displaying at least one element a minimized opened document in the virtual pile, when a mouse-over event is initiated.

Claims 25-26 (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for enabling the removal of icons from a virtual pile comprising:~~ as in claim 1, further comprising:

(f)a) identifying a virtual pile; b) selecting a at least one element minimized opened document located in said the virtual pile;

(g)e) providing an icon for said selected element minimized opened document;

(h)d) modifying an appearance of said the virtual pile to indicate the removal of the element minimized opened document from the virtual pile.

28. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 27, wherein said providing an icon for ~~said the selected element minimized opened document comprises~~ includes restoring the original iconic representation thereof.

29. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 27, wherein said providing an icon for ~~said the selected element~~ minimized opened document ~~comprises~~ includes ~~creating~~ displaying a new iconic representation therefor.

30. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 27, wherein the removal of a minimized opened document elements from ~~said the~~ virtual pile is done by a drag-and-drop action.

31. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 27, further comprising removing the iconic representation of the virtual pile from view, upon removal of a last remaining minimized opened document ~~all elements previously added to~~ from the virtual pile, ~~further restoring the original representation of said first icon.~~

Claim 32 (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 27~~32~~, ~~on said mouse-over event~~ further comprising:

(i) providing an exploded view of all elements minimized opened documents in the virtual pile in response to a mouse-over event.

34. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 27~~32~~, ~~on said mouse-over event~~ further comprising:

(i) ~~on said mouse-over event~~ removing all elements minimized opened documents from the virtual pile in response to a mouse-over event.

Claims 35-36 (Cancelled)

37. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 27, wherein a minimized opened document is removed in response ~~said removal being responsive~~ to a computer system initiated event.

38. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 27, wherein a minimized opened document is removed in response ~~said removal being responsive~~ to a network initiated event.

Claims 39-44 (Cancelled)

45. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 27, wherein a minimized opened document is removed in response to ~~said removal initiating~~ an email initiated event.

Claim 46 (Cancelled)